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Dear General Doyle,

On behalf of the Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation, I wish to express my gratitude for your making possible our visit to the 28th Bombardment Wing and 44th Strategic Missile Wing at Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota, on 2 and 3 of August 1984.

The planning for and execution of the trip were both excellent. The pre-brief and visit here by LTCOL Alvin Hanks and Mr. Howard Vann on 1 August were useful in setting the stage for events to follow. The SAC tanker flight and the opportunity to observe air refueling operations was a rare occasion for us to personally be involved in operational activities; also, the crew was outstanding and willing to explain their duties. (The pilot provided the two best landings that I've experienced in years!) The hospitality and orientation visits at Ellsworth were, again, outstanding. The interaction with the staff and crew members was candid and informative, and the professionalism and dedication of the crews was impressive. With the assistance of LTCOL Hanks and other HQ SAC personnel accompanying us, areas of mutual interest were identified and discussed.

COMIREX rarely, if ever, has a chance to talk to and interact with the users of costly intelligence products at the operational unit level as we did at Ellsworth. The members of the Committee now have a much better understanding and appreciation of the imagery needs of the SAC operational units to support their mission, including the tools the personnel use to accomplish their duties and the unique requirements of the Bomber and Missile Wings. It was, again, heartening and assuring to note the overall sense of professionalism and dedication of the SAC personnel to accomplishment of their mission.

I echo the comments of the Committee members that this was a most successful and worthwhile trip, and that it was professionally organized and implemented. We recognize that the approval of the SAC tanker flight and SIOP access for the visit of the Committee was a more than routine action. Please express my thanks to the HQ SAC Command element for their assistance in this regard--it was well worth it.

Above all, please convey our thanks and appreciation to all the members of your staff and those at Ellsworth who contributed to the outstanding success of this visit.



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